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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON WHO PROGRAMS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

1. MISSION INFORMED BY WHO DG MAHLER AND SECRETARIAT THAT ORGANIZATION IS GRADUALLY PULLING OUT ITS PERSONNEL FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA. AS OF THIS DATE, THERE ARE NO WHO PERSONNEL IN CAMBODIA, NORTH VIETNAME OR SOUTH VIETNAM. THE WHO REPRESENTATIVE HAS ALREADY LEFT SAIGON ALONG WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE SAIGON INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH.

2. AS FOR LAOS, WHO HAS TAKEN ACTION SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE US BY REDUCING ITS PERSONNEL AND PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AND BY ADOPTING A "WAIT AND SEE" ATTITUDE. ALTHOUGH 27 POSITIONS HD BEEN APPROVED FOR 1975, ONLY 20 PERSONNEL ARE IN VIENTIANE NOW. DG MAHLER INDICATES THE STAFF WILL BE FURTHER REDUCED TO NO MORE THAN 3 OR 4 PERSONNEL IN 1976.

3. IN ADDITION, DG MAHLER HAS ALREADY REQUESTED THE WHO REGIONAL OFFICE IN MANILA TO MAKE NO FURTHER EXPEDNITURES ON THE US \$1 MILLION LETTER OF CREDIT FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTE IN SAIGON AND TO RETURN THE LETTER OF CREDIT AND A BALANCE OF \$150,000-175,000 TO THE US BY SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1975. ABRAMS

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